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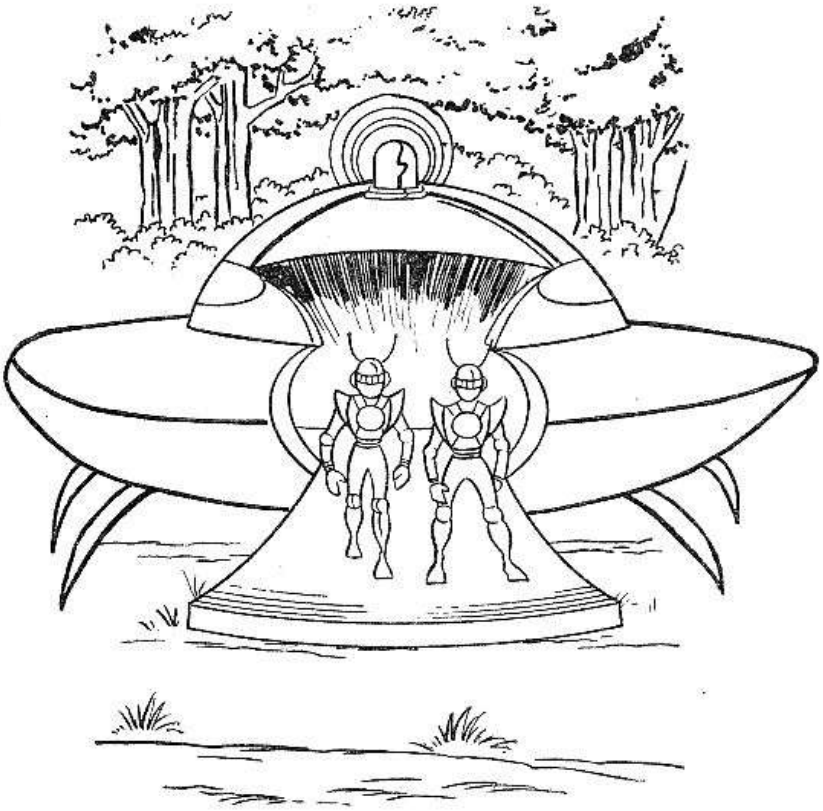

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FIRE IN THE RAIN

IT TOUCHED ME!
IT'S COLD... COLD! HORRIBLE!

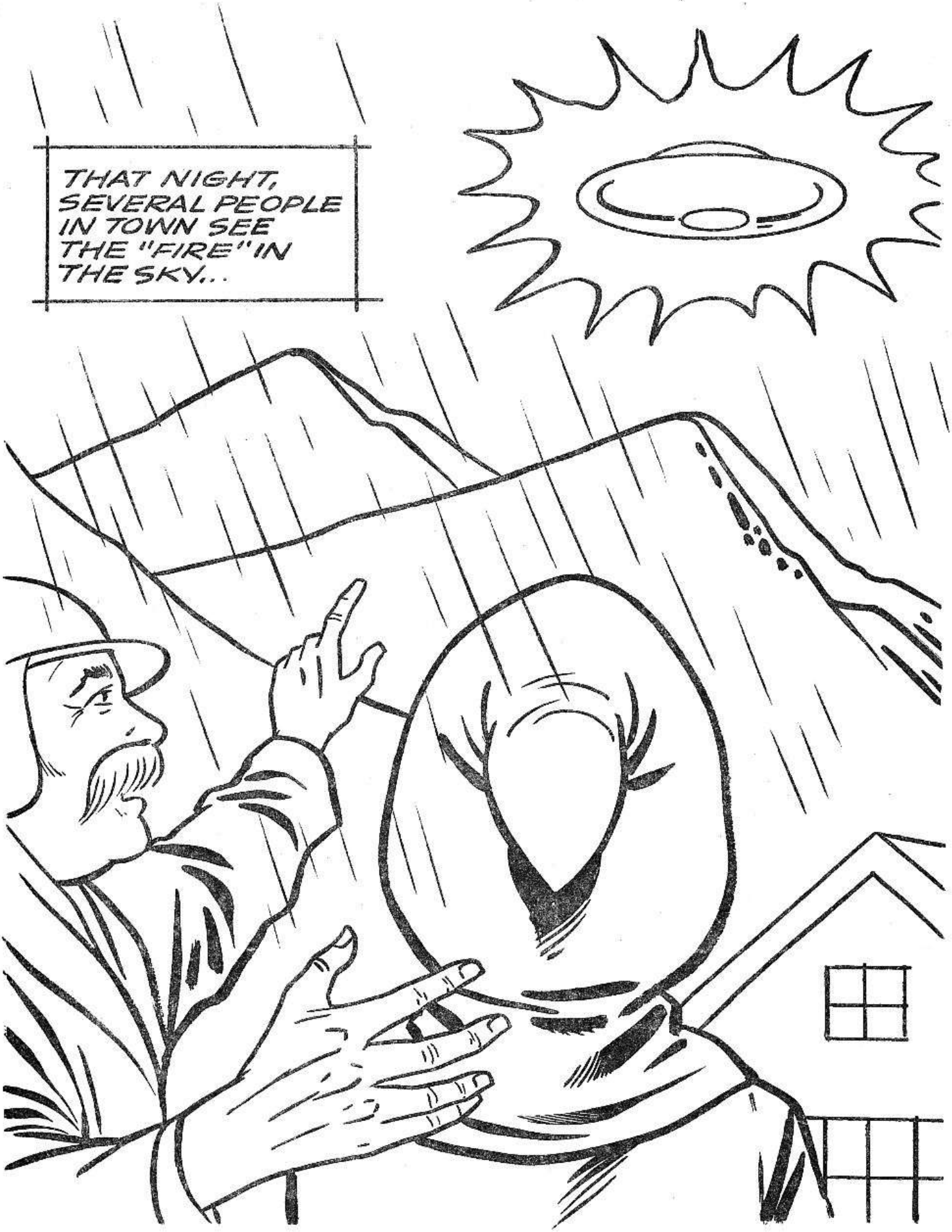
I'LL HELP YOU!
WHAT? WHO'S THAT?

IT'S ME... JANINE!
I'LL FIX THAT GHOST!

BWANG

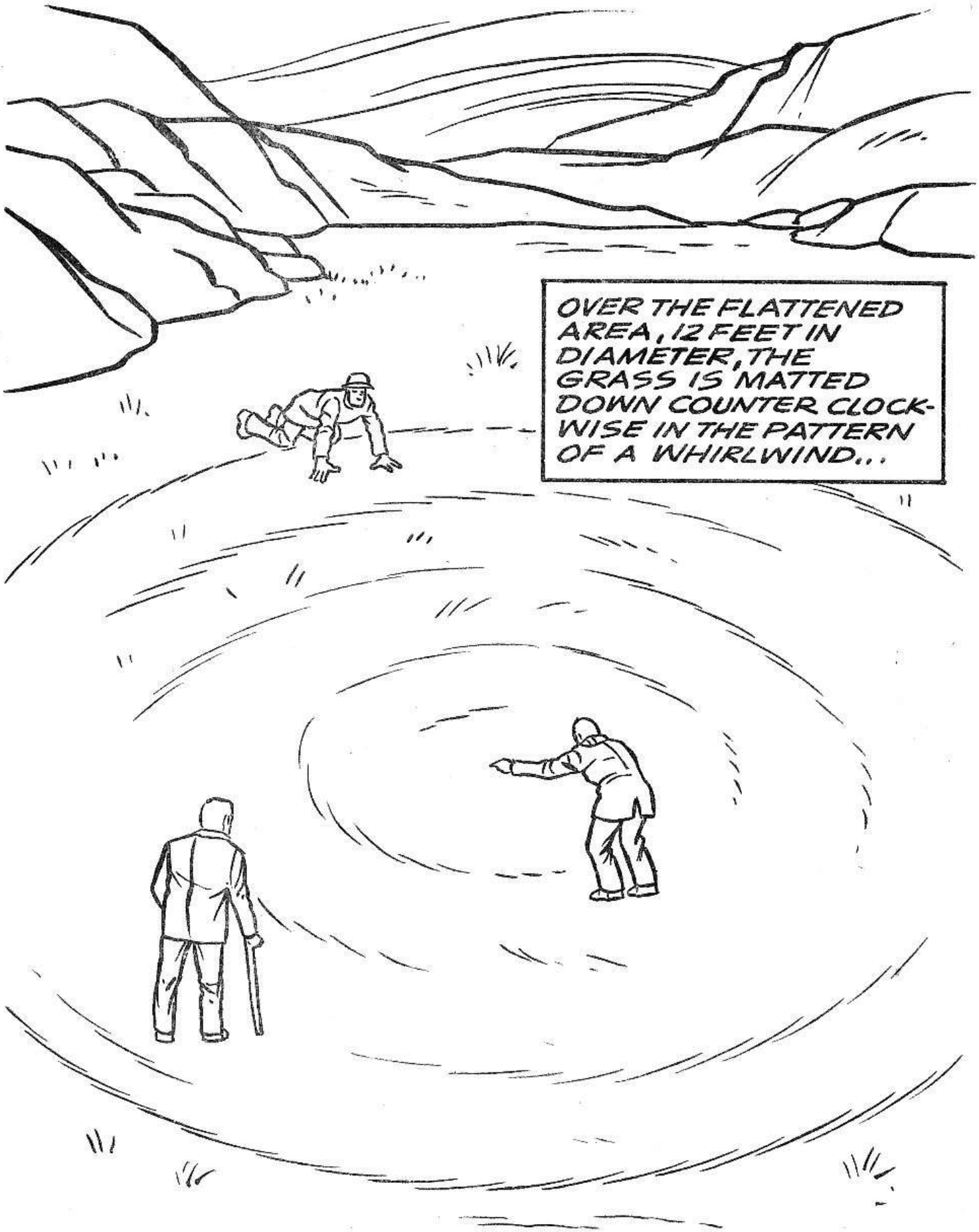
YOU HIT IT! IT'S GOING AWAY!
LET'S FOLLOW IT! HURRY!

IT'S LIKE A BALL OF FIRE!
BUT HOW CAN IT BE BURNING IN THIS RAIN?


THAT NIGHT, SEVERAL PEOPLE IN TOWN SEE THE "FIRE" IN THE SKY...

THE NEXT DAY--
FOUR TRIANGULAR HOLES--RIGHT WHERE THOSE KIDS SAY THEY SAW THAT THING!
LOOK AT THIS PINE TREE!

BARK SCORCHED FIVE FEET ABOVE GROUND. BETTER CHECK OUT THE PLACE WHERE THE "FIRE" LANDED!


OVER THE FLATTENED AREA, 12 FEET IN DIAMETER, THE GRASS IS MATTED DOWN COUNTER CLOCK-WISE IN THE PATTERN OF A WHIRLWIND...

THE AUTHORITIES WERE... AND ARE... STILL BAFFLED!
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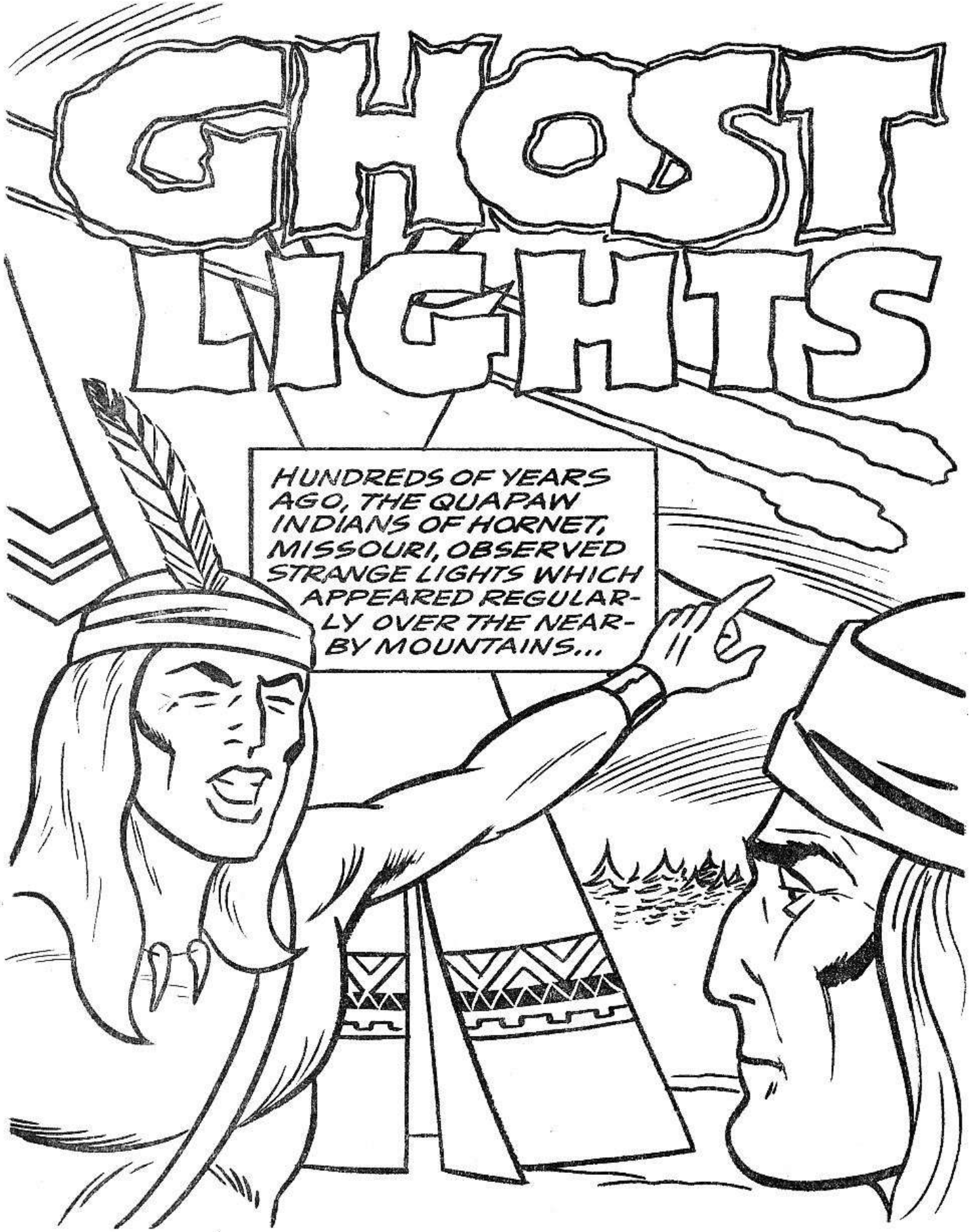
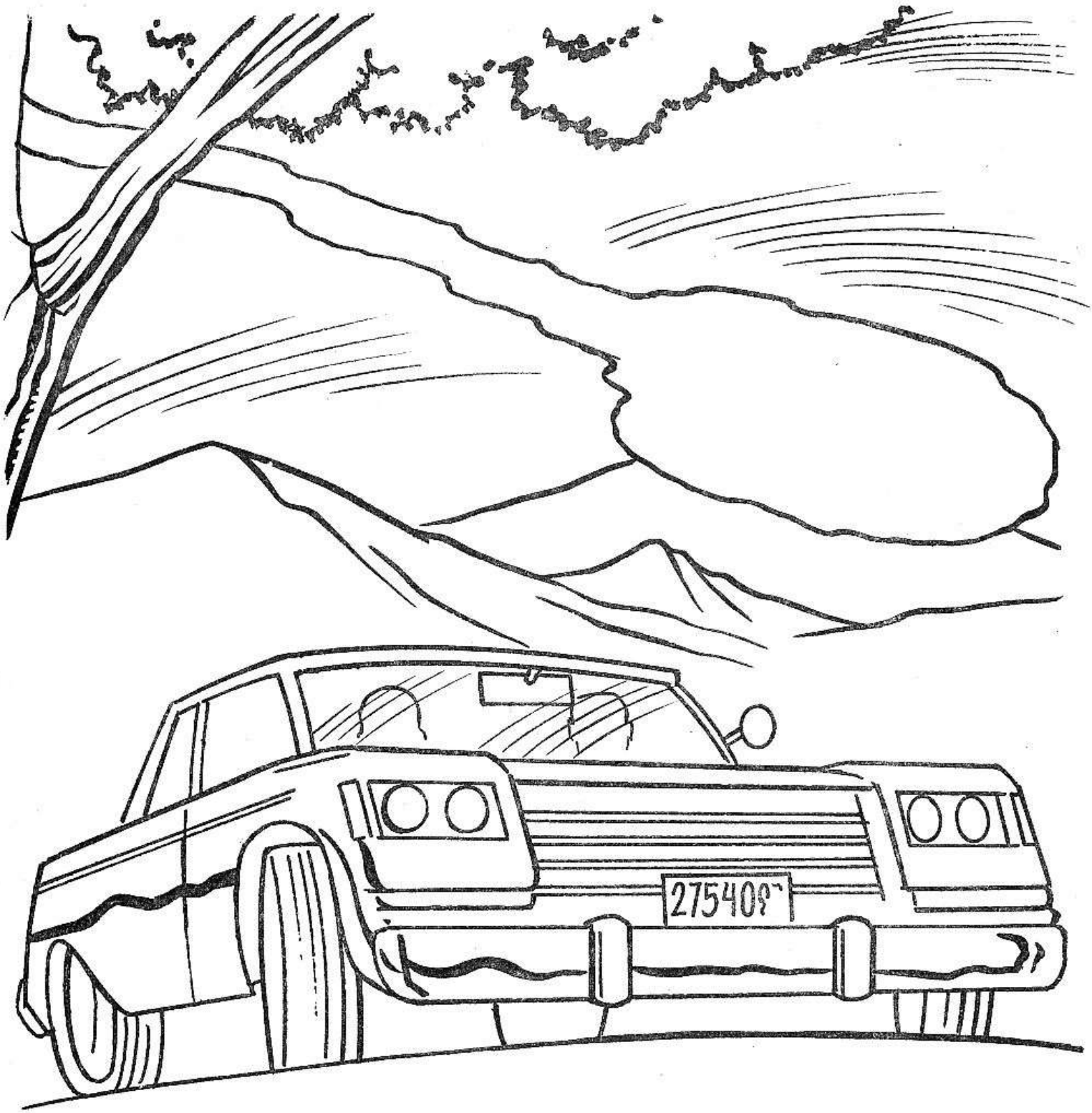

GHOST LIGHTS
HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO, THE QUAPAW INDIANS OF HORNET, MISSOURI, OBSERVED STRANGE LIGHTS WHICH APPEARED REGULARLY OVER THE NEARBY MOUNTAINS...

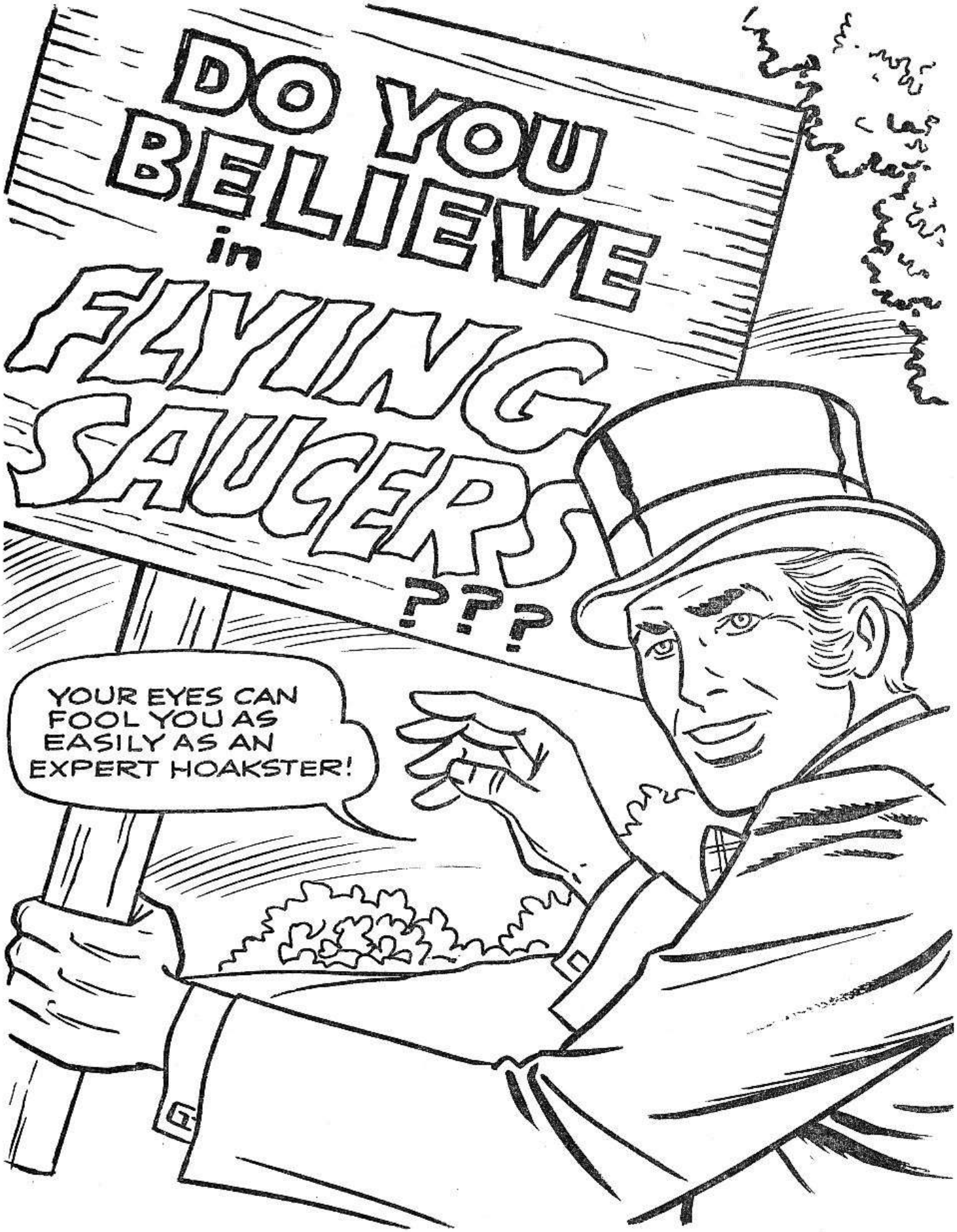
IN RECENT YEARS, SCIENTISTS HAVE BECOME INTEREST-ED IN THESE "SPIRIT LIGHTS"!

MODERN HIGH-SPEED FILMS CAN PHOTOGRAPH THEM. BUT NO ONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THEY ARE OR WHERE THEY COME FROM.

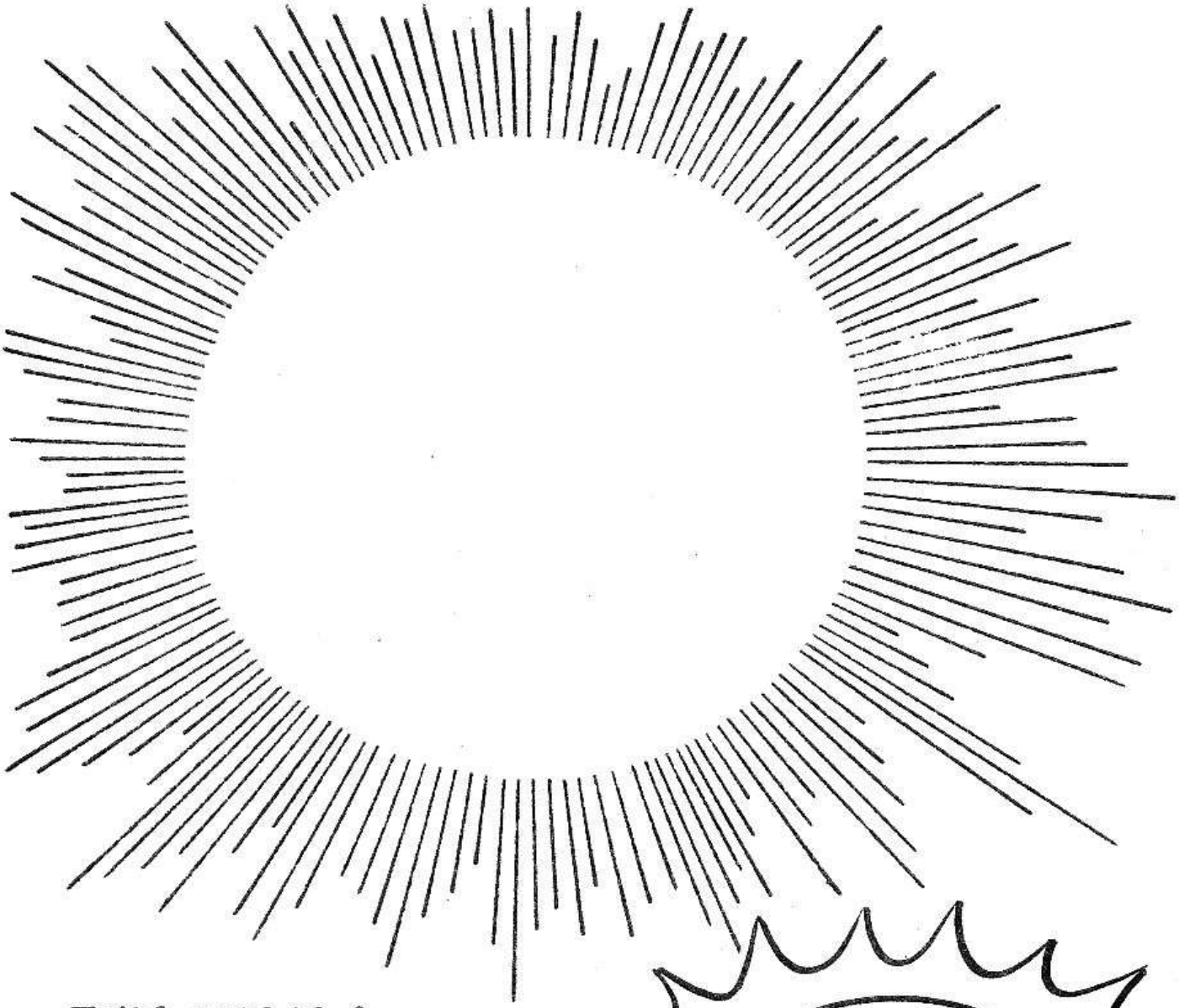


MANY MOTORISTS HAVE BEEN STARTLED BY THE LIGHTS WHICH SEEM TO WANT TO AVOID THE CAR.

THEY CHANGE IN COLOR FROM PINK TO YELLOW TO WHITE--AND SHOOT DOWN THE ROAD LIKE A SPEEDING BULLET.
AS FAR AS ANYONE KNOWS, THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN THERE--AND ALWAYS WILL BE.

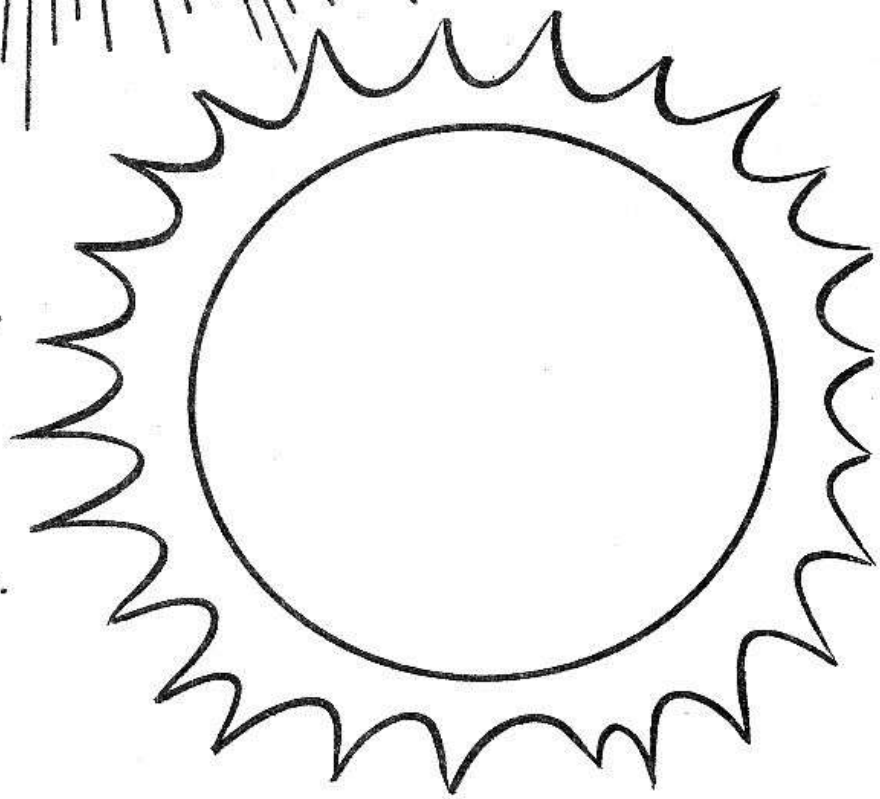

DO YOU BELIEVE in FLYING SAUCERS ???
YOUR EYES CAN FOOL YOU AS EASILY AS AN EXPERT HOAKSTER!

DO YOU SEE THAT LUMINOUS LIGHT? IT MAY LOOK LIKE A UFO TO YOU--BUT IT'S NOT!
IT'S WHAT I CALL AN MFO-- MISIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT!



THIS ONE IS A "SUNDOG"-- A FOG FORMED BY TINY ICE CRYSTALS. SOMETIMES THEY LOOK BRIGHTER THAN THE SUN ITSELF.

IT'S NO WONDER WHY PEOPLE HAVE IMAGINED THEM TO BE FLYING SAUCERS.



AUTHORITIES GET THOUSANDS OF REPORTS OF "UFOs" THAT TURN OUT TO BE THINGS LIKE PLANETS...

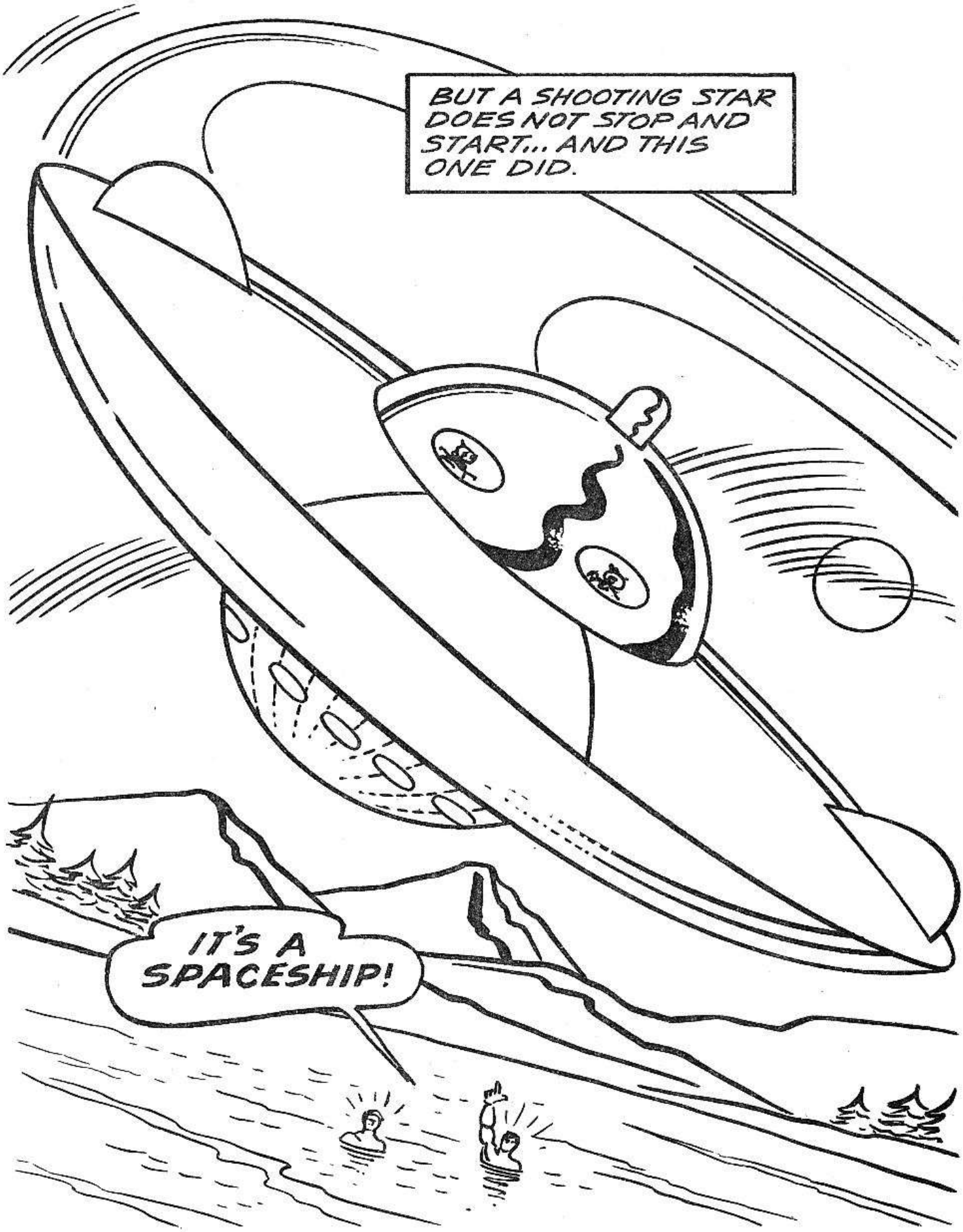
METEORITES...

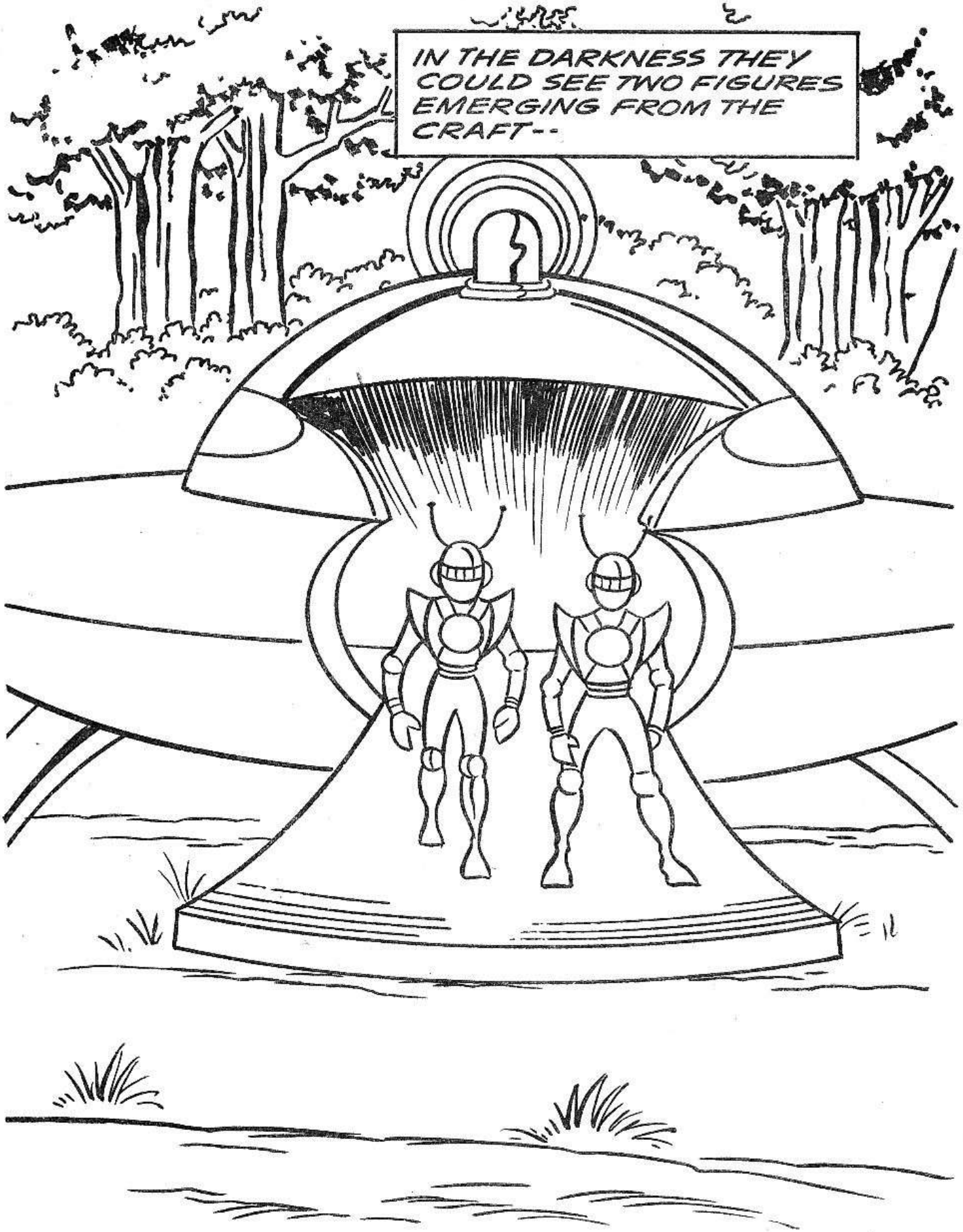
OR EVEN SIMPLE
WEATHER BALLOONS.

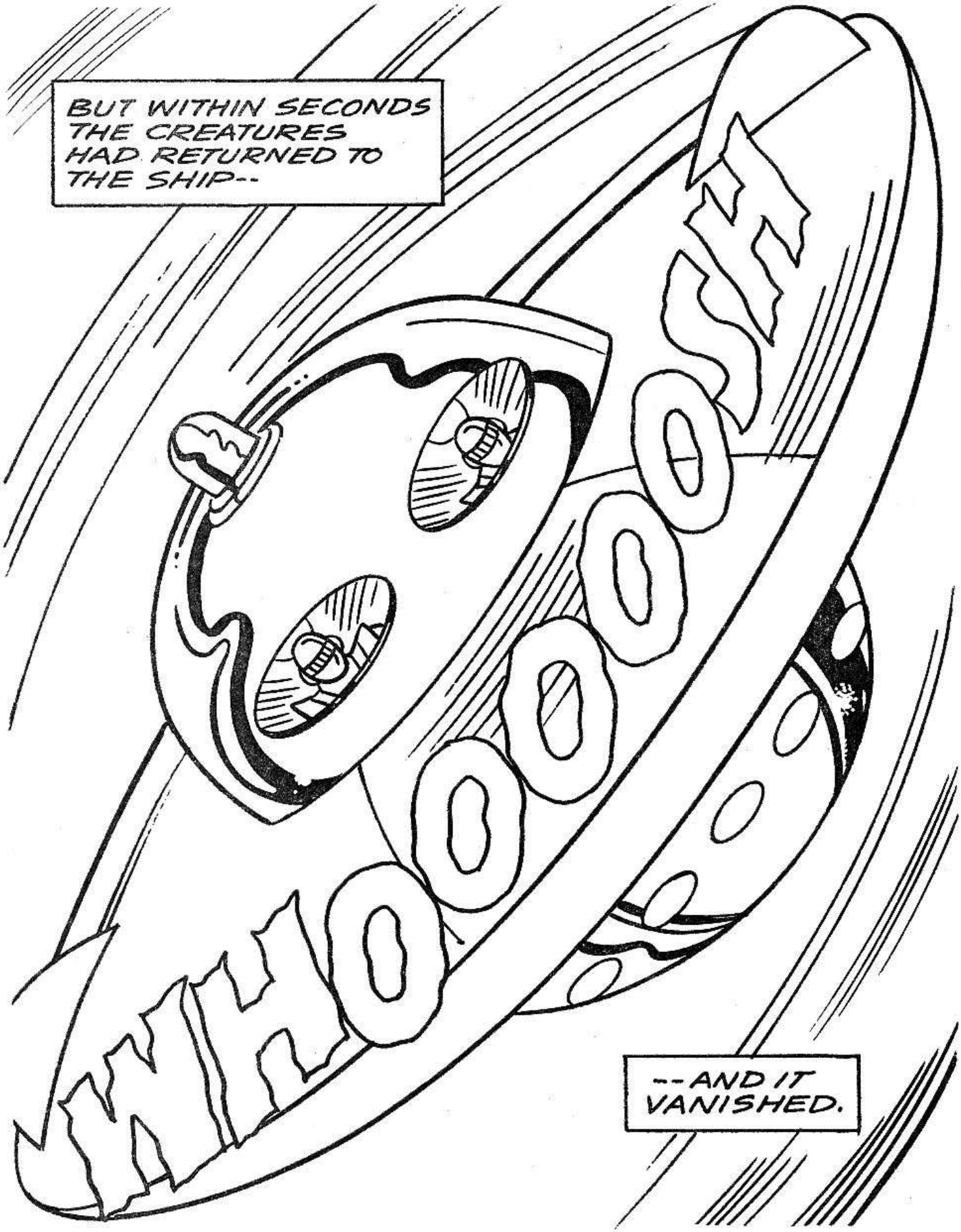
DON'T GET ME WRONG! WHAT YOU SEE IN THE SKY MIGHT ACTUALLY BE A FLYING SAUCER!

ON THE EVENING OF AUGUST 3, 1974, RICK JOACHIM AND STEVE TINGLEY WERE SWIMMING IN KOLAMAKE LAKE IN CANADA...

WHAT'S THAT LIGHT?
MAYBE IT'S A SHOOTING STAR--


BUT A SHOOTING STAR DOES NOT STOP AND START... AND THIS ONE DID.
IT'S A SPACESHIP!


IN THE DARKNESS THEY COULD SEE TWO FIGURES EMERGING FROM THE CRAFT--


BUT WITHIN SECONDS THE CREATURES HAD RETURNED TO THE SHIP--
WHOOOOSH
--AND IT VANISHED.

I BELIEVE in FLYING SAUCERS
JUST DON'T JUMP TO ANY CONCLUSIONS.

MYSTERY IN MICHIGAN

THEN, ON MARCH 20th. IN THE FRANK MANNOR HOME IN DEXTER, MICHIGAN--
WHAT'S MAKING THOSE DOGS HOWL?
HOWWOO
HEY!
THERE'S SOME KIND OF BRIGHT LIGHT SHINING OUT IN THE SWAMP!

TOGETHER WITH HIS SON, MANNOR INVESTIGATES··
MOVE QUIETLY, SON...WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS!

SUDDENLY--
I SEE IT... BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

IT'S ONE OF THOSE SAUCER THINGS I READ ABOUT!

IT'S CHANGING COLOR! AND THE LIGHTS ON THE END WENT OUT!
LET'S GET A CLOSER LOOK!

BUT WHEN THEY CLOSE IN--
IT--IT DISAPPEARED RIGHT INTO THIN AIR!
GET BACK TO THE HOUSE AND HAVE YOUR MOTHER CALL THE POLICE!
I'LL KEEP LOOKING FOR THAT THING-- WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE!

WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE--
I SEE IT! THERE IT IS-- STREAKING OVER THE MANNOR FARMHOUSE!

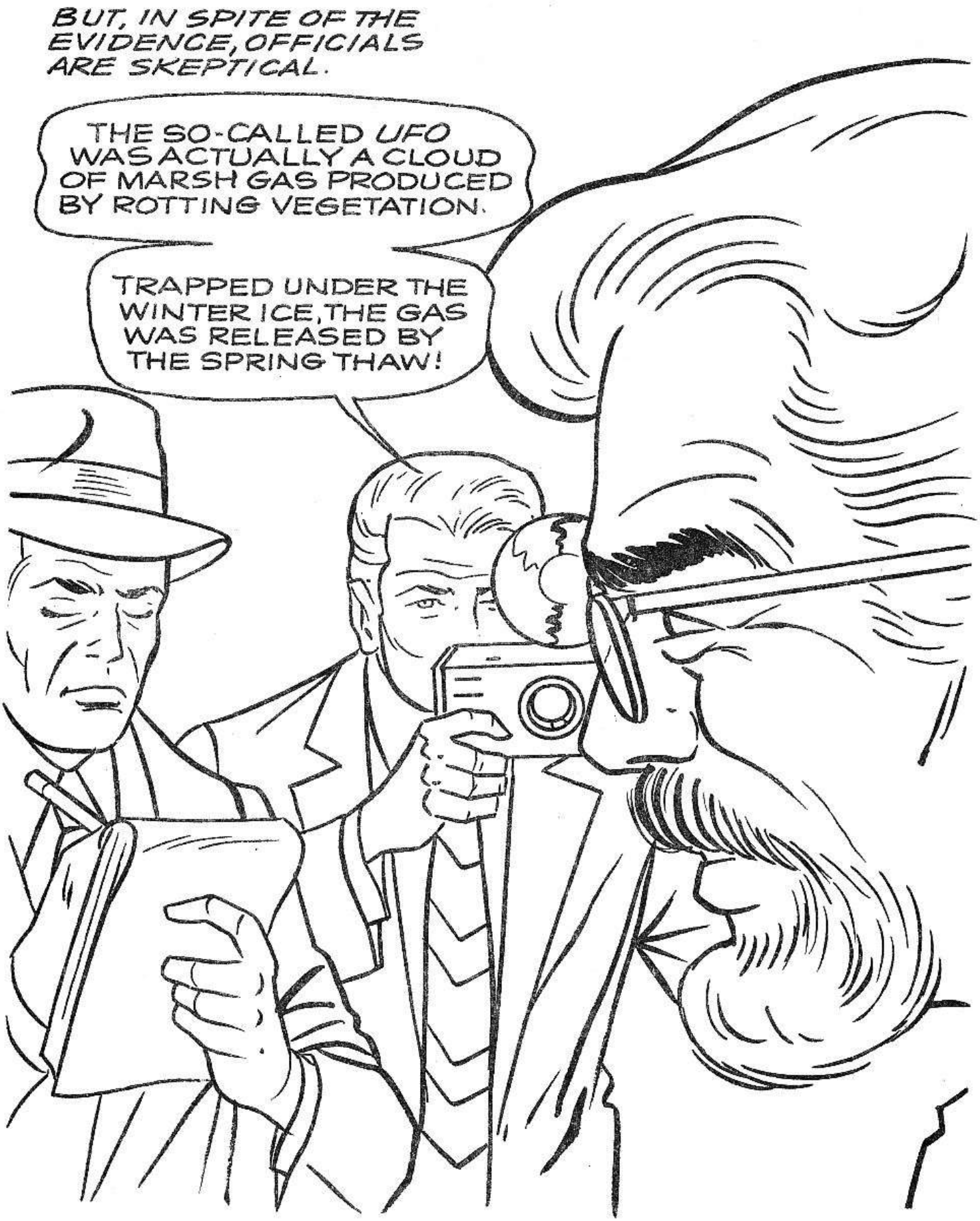
MOMENTS LATER, IN ANOTHER PATROL CAR--
GOOD GRIEF! FOUR MORE OF THEM... AND NOW THEY'RE HEADING AWAY TO THE SOUTH!

THE NEXT NIGHT THE ROADS IN DEXTER ARE JAMMED WITH EXCITED SIGHTSEERS...
BEEN WATCHING FOR HOURS BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN A SIGN OF SAUCERS YET!
BAH! IT'S ALL A FAKE... SOMEONE'S BEEN HAVING BAD DREAMS!

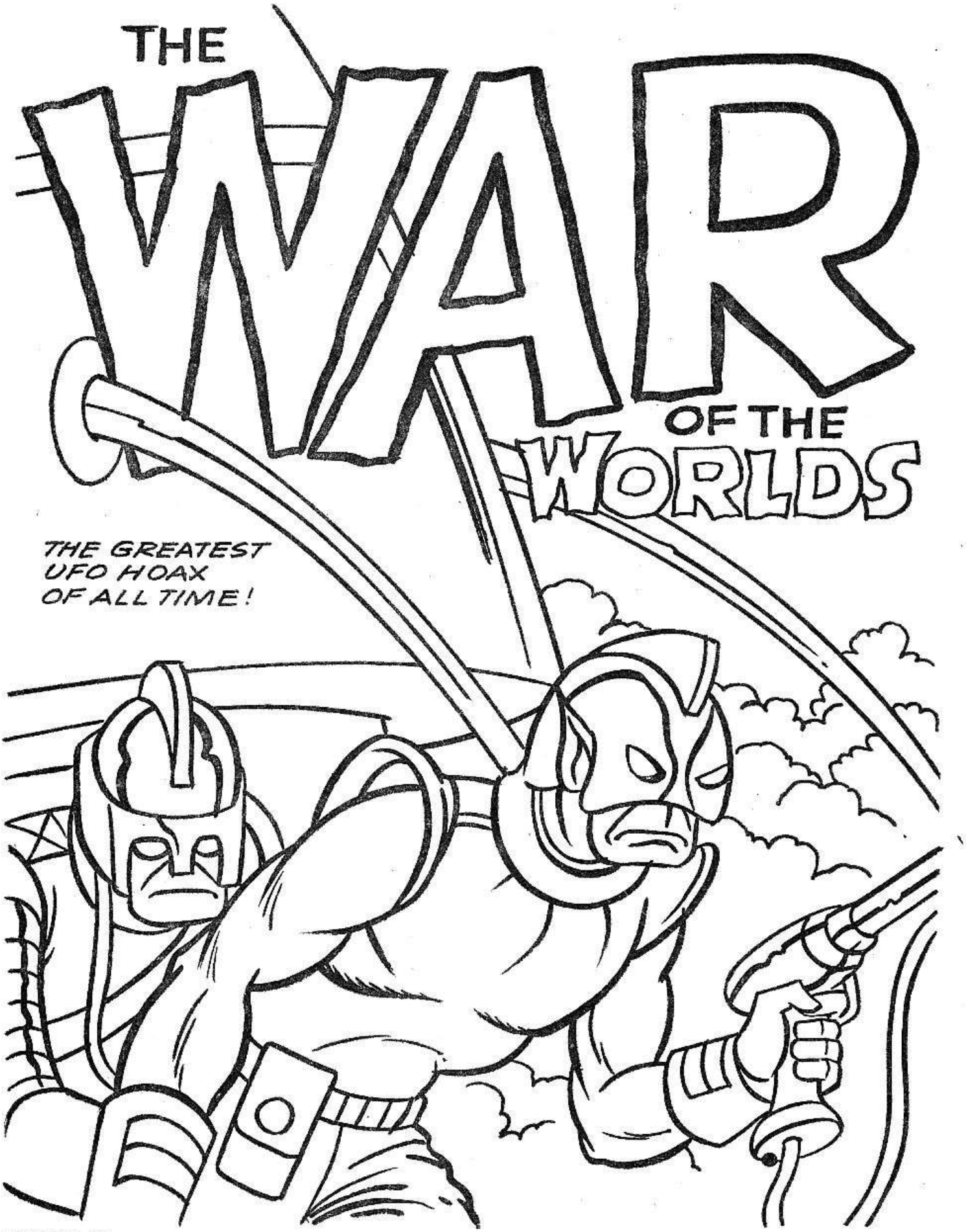
THEN, ON MARCH 22, AT HILLSDALE COLLEGE, JUST SOUTHWEST OF DEXTER--
LOOK! UP THERE! IS IT FOR REAL?

IT'S THE UFO THEY SAW AT DEXTER!
IT'S HEADING FOR THE SWAMP! LET'S FOLLOW IT!

FOR HOURS, STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS WATCH THE FANTASTIC SAUCER--
REMEMBER, GIRLS! I WANT YOU TO MAKE SKETCHES OF WHAT YOU SEE!
THE AUTHORITIES WILL WANT EVERY BIT OF INFORMATION THEY CAN GET ABOUT THIS STRANGE PHENOMENON!


BUT, IN SPITE OF THE EVIDENCE, OFFICIALS ARE SKEPTICAL.
THE SO-CALLED UFO WAS ACTUALLY A CLOUD OF MARSH GAS PRODUCED BY ROTTING VEGETATION.
TRAPPED UNDER THE WINTER ICE, THE GAS WAS RELEASED BY THE SPRING THAW!

BUT THE CITIZENS OF DEXTER KNEW WHAT THEY SAW--
MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE SAW THAT THING, INCLUDING POLICE OFFICERS, CIVIL DEFENSE OFFICIALS AND COLLEGE FACULTY MEMBERS.
IT WAS A UFO. AND HERE ARE SOME SKETCHES TO PROVE IT.



ART CARBUNKLE SCAN

IT BEGAN AT 8 P.M. ON OCTOBER 30, 1938. BACK THEN, PEOPLE OFTEN GATHERED AROUND THE RADIO TO HEAR THEIR FAVORITE PROGRAMS.
COME ON, DAD... IT'S STARTING!

MERCURY THEATRE PRESENTS A DRAMATIZATION OF H.G. WELLS' "WAR OF THE WORLDS"!
OH, BOY! THIS IS GOING TO BE SOME SHOW.
SALE

NEWS FLASH!
WE INTERRUPT OUR REGULAR PROGRAM WITH THIS SPECIAL NEWS BULLETIN!
A METEOR HAS LANDED IN PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY. OVER 1500 PERSONS ARE BELIEVED DEAD.

IT WAS SO REALISTIC... LISTEN!
--A METAL CYLINDER CONTAINING STRANGE CREATURES FROM MARS... ARMED WITH DEATH RAYS--
DEATH RAYS!! WOW!

PEOPLE JUST WEREN'T SURE OF ANYTHING. IMAGINE WHAT PEOPLE THOUGHT WHO TUNED IN LATE-- THEY HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING IT WAS A "DRAMATIZATION"!
GEORGE, ARE YOU SURE THIS ISN'T REAL?
I-I DON'T KNOW!

NEWS OF THE MARTIAN "INVASION SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE CAUSING PANIC AND TERROR ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PEOPLE ACTUALLY IMAGINED THEY HAD SEEN IT TAKE PLACE...

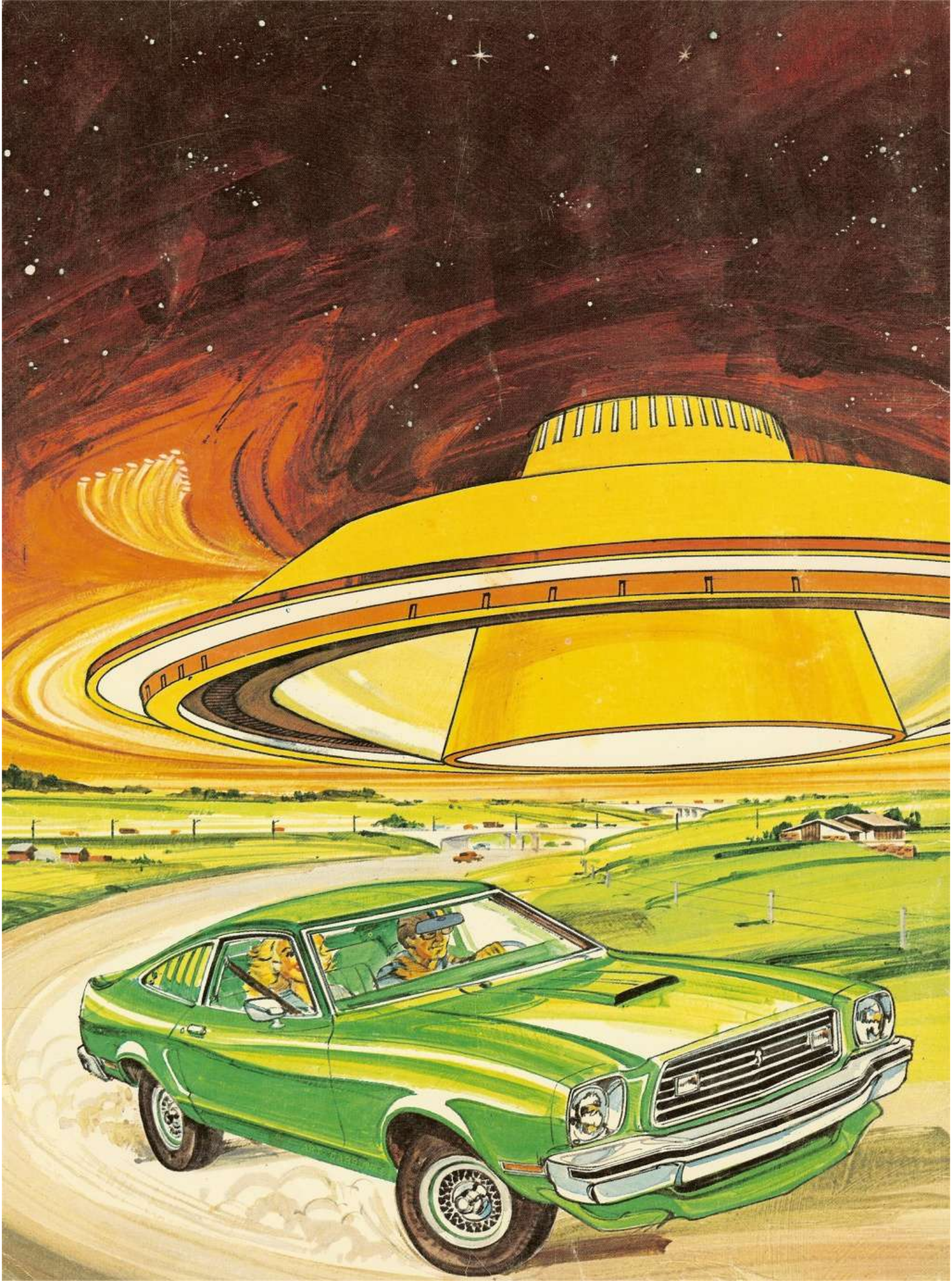
IT'S POISON GAS!
IN NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, DOZENS OF FAMILIES RUSHED FROM THEIR HOMES TO FLEE THE CITY.
GET THE CHILDREN!

IN MANY CHURCHES, EVENING SERVICES BECAME "END OF THE WORLD PRAYER MEETINGS!"
PRAYER IS OUR ONLY SALVATION!
SAVE US! SAVE MY FAMILY!

IN A NEW YORK THEATRE A WIFE CALLED TO WARN HER HUSBAND-- HE SPREAD THE WORD TO THE REST OF THE AUDIENCE
THE MARTIANS ARE ATTACKING. IT'S ON THE NEWS!
WE'LL ALL BE TRAPPED!

ONE WOMAN, CALLING THE DIXIE BUS STATION REACHED A DISPATCHER WHO REFUSED TO TALK TO HER--
LISTEN, LADY... I HAVEN'T GOT TIME. THE END OF THE WORLD IS COMING AND I'VE GOT A LOT TO DO!

MANY PEOPLE THOUGHT IT WAS REAL. BY THE TIME THE AFFAIR WAS OVER, DOZENS WERE HOSPITALIZED FOR SHOCK AND HYSTERIA.

LADY, THERE'S NO CAUSE FOR ALARM-- IT WAS ONLY A RADIO SHOW!

WHEN THE SMOKE HAD CLEARED, ORSON WELLES, DIRECTOR OF THE SHOW, INSISTED THAT NO HOAX HAD BEEN INTENDED.
HE SAID THE PROGRAM WAS WELL-PUBLICIZED AS SCIENCE FICTION-- AND WAS ANNOUNCED FOUR TIMES DURING THE SHOW!
THE MAIL-STAR
OCTOBER 31, 1938
WELLES DENIES ATTEMPT TO FOOL PUBLIC